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Admiral Stansfield Turner Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

The news of tremendous amounts of oil and natural gas having been discovered by Mexico promises the United States a source of these forms of energy that is much closer and much more reliable than from OPEC. However, there seems to be a great deal of confusion and uncertainty about the true extent of oil and natural gas reserves which Mexico could eventually produce.

By this letter, I request that you please furnish me with the most current reliable information on Mexico's oil and natural gas resources and indicate the source of the information provided.

This information will be extremely useful to me and other members of Congress as we attempt to deal intelligently with the complex and difficult energy issues facing the 96th Congress. Your continued cooperation and assistance will be greatly appreciated.

In closing, let me wish you a successful and prosperous year in 1979. With warmest personal regards.

Very truly yours

Pete V. Domenici

United States Senator

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